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Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
Service Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2020-12:00 P.M.
3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201 – Conference Room A

Members Present:

John V. Furgess, Sr.*
Carolyn Gleaton*
Derrick Huggins*
Skip Jenkins*
Al Koon*
Colonel (R) Roger Leaks, Jr., Chair*
Lil Mood*

Guests Present:

Larry Gabaldon, Interim, General Manager, Transdev*
April Platts, Interim Paratransit Operations
Manager, Transport Care Services*

Absent Committee Members:

Geraldine Robinson

**indicates participation by phone*

The COMET Staff Present

John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO
Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Marketing and Public Information Manager
Leroy DesChamps, Director of Administration Operations/COO
Alexis Feliciano, Transit Traffic Checker
Tanisha Gibbons, Interim Customer Experience and Contract Compliance Specialist
Eric Harris, Planning & Development Specialist
Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Col. Leaks called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M.



A quorum was present at the opening of the meeting.

2. 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Ms. Gleaton to adopt the agenda.

Approve: Furgess, Gleaton, Huggins, Leaks, Mood

Absent: None

Motion passed

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Interim Operations Manager Review

Col. Leaks explained that due to the length of time left on the Transdev contract, that going through the minute details is unnecessary.

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Ms. Mood and seconded by Ms. Gleaton to recommend to the Board the appointment of Tyrone Gambrell as the Interim Operations Manager.

Approve: Furgess, Gleaton, Huggins, Leaks, Mood

Absent: None

Motion passed

Mr. Andoh confirmed that for Mr. Gambrell or any other key personnel to be hired, they would have to apply and go through the hiring process.

B. Main and Fiske SB Bus Shelter Complaint

Col. Leaks explained that the bus shelter was moved to solve the issue. He explained that Council member Sam Davis has reached out expressing a concern regarding the removal of the bus shelter at the intersection of Main at Fiske South Bound and complaints he received from the community.

Col. Leaks noted that he wants the Committee to focus on two (2) specific goals:

1. Improve visibility.
2. Address Council Member Sam Davis' concern.

Ms. Mood questioned why it was moved and if we replace wouldn't we recreate the same problem? Col. Leaks explained that the advertising panels cut down on the visibility. He added that the way the shelter was built it wasn't feasible to simply remove the panel.

Mr. Andoh stated that he has reached out to South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to get an estimate of the cost of replacement. Mr. Furgess stated that the same shelter should be returned without The COMET logo. Mr. Andoh stated that we are unable to do that. He added that this would breach the advertising contract.



Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Furgess to return the same shelter that was there without The COMET poster in it.

Motion died.

Mr. Andoh suggested purchasing a specialized glass shelter to be put in the place of the old shelter to resolve the situation.

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Ms. Gleaton to approve the replacement of a shelter at that location with a shelter that does not have an advertising slot which allows for visibility to ensure safety at this intersection.

Approve: Gleaton, Huggins, Leaks, Mood

Abstain: Furgess

Absent: None

Motion passed

Mr. Jenkins asked about the proximity of the intersection regarding the easement location and sight distance. Mr. Andoh explained was very close and the easement was the very edge of the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) parking lot.

Mr. Furgess asked if this satisfies City Council. Col. Leaks confirmed that this will satisfy City Council.

4. ADJOURN

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Gleaton and seconded Ms. Mood to adjourn the Special Service Committee meeting.

Approve: Furgess, Gleaton, Huggins, Leaks, Mood

Absent: None

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 P.M.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Adopted this _____, 2020, Agenda Item _____

Prepared by:



Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist



Approved by:

Andy Smith, Secretary